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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references identified on the attached form PTO-1449, copies thereof being enclosed herewith.

The below listed prior art references generally relate to valve actuators:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,224,683 issued to Richeson on July 6, 1993 for a Hydraulic Actuator With Hydraulic Springs.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,529,030 issued to Rose on June 25, 1996 for Fluid Actuators.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,287,829 issued to Rose on February 22, 1994 for Fluid Actuators.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,248,123 issued to Richeson, et al. on September 28, 1993 for a Pilot Operated Hydraulic Valve Actuator.

An action on the merits is requested.

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